

least partially contacts said platen.

48. (New) The method as defined in claim 46, wherein said step of forming a food mass on said first slice of bread includes i) placing of said first slice of bread on a platen, and ii) depositing said food mass inwardly of said outer peripheral edge of said first bread slice; said step of pressing includes moving a cutting device having a cutting edge and a sleeve toward said platen until said cutting edge at least partially contacts said platen, said sleeve including spaced projections that create said plurality of said depressions in at least one of said slices of bread, said sleeve being spaced from said platen when said cutting edge at least partially contacts said platen, said cutting edge at least partially cutting off a portion of said outer perimeter of said bread slices when said cutting edge at least partially contacts said platen.

49. (New) The method as defined in claim 45, including the step of sealing said sandwich in a substantially airtight package.

50. (New) The method as defined in claim 48, including the step of sealing said sandwich in a substantially airtight package.

#### **REMARKS**

Applicants have added new claims 45-50 by this amendment. The arguments submitted in the Amendments mailed on February 15, 2005 and November 5, 2004 are incorporated herein.

Applicants submit that the pending claims are patentably distinct from the cited art of record.

A notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

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